

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 795 without my signature.

I support the idea of rehabilitating wards in the most effective manner possible. However, by requiring the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to reach a final agreement by July 1, 2007, this bill could unduly favor certain counties or even force the State into a contract regardless of whether that contract is in the best interests of juvenile parole violators or has equitable terms based on program standards or cost.

The State is already in the process of addressing parole deficiencies in the juvenile system. As part of the *Farrell v. Tilton* settlement remedial plans, the DJJ is currently working with communities to provide alternatives for parole violators. In addition the 2006-07 Budget includes an additional \$10 million for a new community reentry program that will award grants to provide juvenile parolees with services that help ensure that they are successful in the community.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger